



Proclamation
Presented
**In Recognition of
Tsunami Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month reminds each of us that tsunami produced by earthquakes and other seismic events pose a high risk to the Hawaiian Islands due to our location in the middle of the seismically active Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month recalls events like the Tsunami Warning triggered by the earthquake at the Queen Charlotte Islands on October 27, 2012 – which resulted in an evacuation of 100,000 but thankfully resulted in only a 27-inch wave – demonstrate that there is a continuing need for tsunami education; and

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month in Hawai'i is traditionally observed in April because April 1 marks the anniversary of the tragic 1946 tsunami generated in the Aleutians, which caused 159 deaths in Hawai'i and more than \$26 million in damage; and

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month provides an opportunity for federal, state, county and private agencies, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to organize tsunami education and outreach throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, Tsunami Awareness Month encourages us to take steps to safeguard the lives of our family, friends and neighbors against the threat of tsunami by learning more about the threat, making evacuation plans in advance of an emergency, and exercising those plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2013, as

"TSUNAMI AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in heeding the best advice of civil defense, federal, county, state agencies as well as our community leaders in preparing our families for this potential threat to our islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth of March, 2013.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i